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MORE DEMOCRATIC RULE URGED IN SINKIANG

Democracy means to let the people govern. Today, however, the people of Sinkiang are still in the position of the governed. To cure the ills of the people constitutes not a problem of technical skill and procedure, but a problem of fundamental principles and administrative policies.

Although the innovation of a Villagers Society or the People's Protection Scriety has been tried, and other such agencies of popular will, control and oppression still prevail. Moreover, such institutions have resulted in creation of a middle party, consisting of agents or officials of the ruling power. They hoodwink the government and cheat the people.

If we wish truly to achieve democracy, we must first do away with the old conservatism. We must change the form of government so that it works from the bottom to the top, instead of from the top to the bottom. If this is not accomplished, the work of revolution can never end and there can be no happy future for the nation. There must be freedom of speech for the

So that the people may participate in government, the people and the government should be one and the same. The middle party must be eliminated All such obstacles must be swept away to provide a solid foundation for a people's government.

A few days ago, the Provincial Assembly discussed reforming the paochia system. The "Paochia" system is a system, long in use in China, in which the people are divided into groups of ten families (one chia) and of 100 families (one pao), each under a headman, somewhat like the boss of a precinct. 7 This action bears out our contention that a democratic form of government has not been sufficiently realized and that a bureaucracy still maintains power.

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If we are to attain democracy, we must not look down upon the people and their ability. Sinking's pao-chia system is not a permanent one. We must make haste to get rid of it and not prolong the sufferings of the people. The harmonious interrelationships of various races in this province are evidence of a victory for a new and peaceful phase of existence. As for the new system of government after the pao-chia plan is discarded, we favor the theories that have been expressed by educational and social groups, and hope that the people of each race in this province will propose practical ideas for an early departure from rule by officials.

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